Retirement of Ministerial Officers.

157. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when the age-limit for retirement of ministerial officers was raised from 55 to 60 years;

(*b*) the number of ministerial officers who were retired before they attained sixty years of age after this rule came into force;

(*c*) when Mr. Culas, Manager of the Durbar Physician's office, was retired; and

(*d*) his age at the time of his retirement?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The age for the retirement of the ministerial officers of the State has not been raised from 55 to 60.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), this question does not arise.

(*c*) Mr. Culas was retired with effect from the 30th Chingam 1100.

(*d*) He had completed his 56th year of age on the date of retirement.

Undergraduate Men Teachers in Girls' Schools.

158. **MR. M. N. PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(1) the number of undergraduate men teachers, trained and untrained, employed in the departmental Girls' schools;

(2) whether it is a fact that the natural claims of these teachers for promotions, especially those employed in the Vernacular section, are being completely overlooked by the Inspectress of Girls' schools and that they are thus placed in a very disadvantageous position when compared to their *confreres* in the Boys' schools for the simple reason that they are placed in Girls' schools;

(3) whether they are aware that there is a sufficient number of women undergraduate applicants to replace these men teachers and that the Inspectress of Girls' schools is not able to provide them for want of vacancies;

(4) whether they will issue definite instructions to the authorities concerned not to make any permanent appointment in the English schools for boys before all these undergraduate men teachers are provided for; and

(5) whether they will appoint them in such acting vacancies as are long enough or are likely to become permanent in case there are no permanent vacancies in which they may be absorbed at present in the English schools for boys?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) Trained teachers—8; untrained teachers—7.

Of the 8 trained teachers, 3 are Manual Training Assistants, and of the remaining 5, 2 are now acting in English schools for boys.

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